IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Jane P. Bearinger, et al.	Docket No. :	IL-11213
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Filed	:	02/17/2004	Examiner :	Gregory A. Anderson
For	:	SYSTEM FOR CLOSURE OF A PHYSICAL ANOMALY		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a preliminary amendment in a RCE application. Applicants withdraw the subject application from appeal and request that prosecution be reopened. In response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: